

the flows of these streams and rivers in Nebraska. I think it's a bigger picture than that, it involves all of Nebraska, and I think everybody has to be protected, including Senator Klein. I think nobody should be short on it and it should be treated fairly. But tonight is not the night to advance this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a few questions...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler, will you yield...

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...and make a few comments to...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: ...to a question please?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, you and your Natural Resources Committee held hearings across the state and there was quite a little opposition to 108. I would say some of the opposition was based on emotion, some was orchestrated. We understand that. You understand the process. The overwhelming testimony in some areas was total opposition to 108. I have been a supporter of 108. But now you tell us that Game and Parks had a hearing on in-stream flows and that a lot of people objected to it and you, and you're putting a lot of credibility into that. I happen to think that those people that were there at the Game and Parks meeting are not very objective when it comes to in-stream flows. Some of them, I believe, have an agenda to turn central Nebraska back into buffalo commons, I really believe that. And I don't think they're people we can deal with. Then I guess I have to ask you, what happens if Game and Parks rejects this latest agreement? They've already agreed to one agreement and then they said, no, we don't want to do this. Now they've agreed to another one, 600 CFS in the river, most of the year, and 750 during the summertime. If you translate that into irrigation wells, that represents about 1,000 irrigation wells, and that's only considering if none of the return flows from the irrigation wells get back into the river, and a lot of the water does get back into the river. So I'm real concerned about this. What happens then if Game and Parks does reject this? Do we just spend a bunch of...do we just spend a lot more taxpayers' money again?